

1 CONTENT AND KEY DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM FOR DIGITAL CONTENT

2 REPRESENTING MEDIA STREAMS

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5 ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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7 A technique of distributing digital content representing media streams,
8 and keys for unlocking that content, to a user. Content is deliverable to the user sepa-
9 rately from licenses to that content. Content is delivered encrypted. Licenses are deliv-
10 ered designating selected presentation devices owned by the user. The presentation
11 devices include a secure portion, relatively resistant to tampering by the user, in which
12 each presentation device maintains a unique presentation device key. The user owns
13 one or more such presentation devices, coupled using a local communication link to a
14 local library, which maintains a copy of the content in an encrypted form. The user can
15 search the library for information generally available about the media stream.